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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Wang *et al.*
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Group Art Unit: 1774
Title: Organic Luminescent Compounds and Methods of
Making and Using Same
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir,

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2006. Applicants hereby provisionally elect for prosecution in this application Group I (claims 1-10, 12, 13 and 16), directed to compounds of the invention. Applicants' species selection is compound 4-[4'-(1-pyrenyl)biphenyl]-2,2'-dipyridylamine (4) of general formula IA.

This group election is made with traverse, as applicants believe that it is arbitrary and inappropriate to divide the compound claims of the invention (group I) from, at least, the method of synthesizing the same compounds (group II), and compositions (group III) or devices (group VII) containing the same compounds. If a claimed compound is found to be novel, then methods of synthesis of the claimed compound and products or compositions of matter containing the claimed compound would necessarily also be novel. Applicants submit that rejoining groups I, II, III, and VII presents no further search burden on the Examiner. Applicants hereby request rejoinder of groups I, II, III, and VII.

If the Examiner has any questions about the instant Response or the application, he is asked to telephone Carol Miernicki Steeg (Reg. No. 39,539) or Stephen Scribner (Reg. No. 44,452) at 613-533-2342.

Any petition that may be required is hereby petitioned. Please charge any fees that may be required, for which no cheque is enclosed, to Deposit Account No. **17-0110**.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Miernicki Steeg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

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